

BREHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“SPIRIT HIGHLIGHTS”

September 7, 2023

Sunday Service September 10, 2023

Guest Minister: Rev. Tom Coop

Sermon: "The Missing Virtue"

Scripture: Mark 9:14-29

9:00 AM Choir Practice in the Choir Loft
10:00 AM Worship Service Nursery will be open
11:00 AM Congregational Meeting

*The Reverend **Tom Coop** is a second career pastor who graduated from Seminary at the age of 46. He began his ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Conroe as an associate pastor many, many years ago. After four years in Conroe, he was called as the pastor of Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church where he served for 17 years until he retired in 2019. He just recently finished a six-month interim pastor position at Atascocita Presbyterian Church. He loves having the opportunity to preach and is thankful that you all have given him the opportunity again.*

Tuesday, Sep 12	9:30 AM -- Presbyterian Women
Wednesday, Sep 13	8:00 AM -- Men's Fellowship @ Santa Fe Café
Wednesday, Sep 13	6:00 PM -- Walk With Friends
Friday, Sep 15	10:00 AM-- Needlework Ministry



Stewardship: Love, hospitality and being good stewards of God's grace. (1 Peter 4:8-11)

This verse reflects back on the double love command, calling for love. And one way that love is expressed is by giving generously to provide hospitality and serve our "neighbors." This verse also reminds us that we are recipients of the incredible gift of God's grace, and we are called to steward that gift by serving others. Ultimately, our

giving is one way that we can glorify God and point to God’s amazing love and grace for all of us, and that should be cause for generosity and celebration!

Our BPC family and those who use our facility are very thankful for Peter Blatchley for keeping everyone comfortable by making sure the AC is cooling as it should be - and a lot of other things as well! Thank you Peter!

Congregational Meeting: A Congregational Meeting will be held this Sunday, **September 10th** following worship service.

- To announce and vote on a change in the terms of call for the next BPC pastor from half time to full time.
- To start “Giving Campaign for 2024” to support the new Pastor. Commitment cards will be distributed to all present. Those not attending will be mailed their cards.

Walk with Friends will meet on **September 13th** at 6:00 PM in the Blinn Room to continue our study of Rev. Thomas W Currie's book, ***Searching for Truth, Confessing Christ in an Uncertain World***. The assignment is to **read Chapter 2**. NOTE --- **This will be a brown bag meal night**. The evening will open with a history of a song or an inspirational reading. Contact Peter Blatchley with questions 979-203-2777 or ppdgb@msn.com

Congregational Care: All are welcome to join in. Contact Elizabeth Lehrmann with any prayer requests, concerns or questions @ lehrmann@yahoo.com or 979-830-3659 Continued prayers are requested for those dealing with loss of loved ones, health issues, and all the other concerns that many are facing.






Finance: August 2023 Financial Report

August 2023 Monthly Expenses	\$12,562
August 2023 Income	\$16,824
2023 Year-to-Date surplus/(deficit) as of 8/31	\$57,715

Galilee Garden: We will begin working in the Galilee Garden each Monday from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM starting **September 18th** in order to provide good, fresh, food for our neighbors in need!

Ladies Book Club: We meet on the **second** Monday of the month at 2:00 PM; the next meeting will be this Monday, **September 11th** in the office of Brenham Presbyterian

Church. Contact Linda Newton linnie.newton@sbcglobal.net or 979-251-0642 for more information.

Media News: The Tech-Social Media Committee will be hosting a Workshop on Sunday October 1st, following the 10:00 AM worship service. Come enjoy a light lunch, and see how you can sharpen your skills in using the various social media platforms!     
Questions: Contact Melissa Gillespie

Men's Fellowship gathers every Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM at Santa Fe Café for breakfast and fellowship. Contact Peter Blatchley with questions ppdgb@msn.com or 979-203-3777.

Mission and Benevolence PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING The Presbyterian Church (USA) has four special offerings yearly. The Peace and Global Witness offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. More information will be in an insert in the Sunday worship bulletin and envelopes will be in the pew pockets if members desire to support this mission of the church.

Mission and Benevolence has asked for our help with Bluebonnet Haven's new wish list:

Blank sketch pads (no spiral bindings)

Gummy life savers, Starburst chews, sour candy

Pj pants - mostly large, XL & XXL

Sonic, McDonald's or Dairy Queen gift cards (for after church snacks)

Squishmallows - stuffed animals (any size)

Stickers

Totally blank journals

Contact Sue Ruotsala with questions billieandsue@gmail.com or 713-205-3001.

Needlework Ministry: The group meets the third Friday of the month at 10:00 AM in the Church office. We invite you to come join us next Friday, **September 15th**. Contact Sue Ruotsala with questions. billieandsue@gmail.com or 713-205-3001

Pastor Nominating Committee: The PNC continues to meet and work on necessary forms used for searching for a pastor for BPC. Rev. Matt Morse (minister at Navasota) has agreed to be the BPC Presbytery liaison.

Presbyterian Women: Mark your calendar: **Presbyterian Women** will resume meeting this Tuesday, **September 12th** in the Blinn room. Social begins at 9:30 AM and Bible study begins at 10:00 AM. We are looking forward to studying Luke and Acts this

coming year. Hope to see you there for a morning of fellowship and insight into two very interesting books of the New Testament.

Sanctuary & Education Building Repairs and Renovations: The Labor Day Holiday work week got started today with the delivery of the work basket lift allowing carpentry work above the roof line level on the Blinn Entry Tower. Also siding has started being removed on Education Building on the Jackson Street Elevation. Bell tower siding will be repaired soon. Heat is still impacting production.

Tuesday Disciples meet on Tuesday mornings in the Church office at 10:00 AM for Bible study except for the second Tuesday of the month (Presbyterian Women).

Bookkeeping: Please submit your check requests before **Monday** of each week. Sarah's day in the office has been changed to either Monday or Tuesday.

Spirit Highlights: Please forward any prayer requests, news, and comments that you wish to share for Spirit publications to Susan Gray, Editor Susanconnellgray@yahoo.com or 281-744-0374. All submissions are to be submitted in writing. Deadline each week is noon on Thursday. Questions? If you would like to be added to the mailing list reply with your contact information and email address to above email. ***We have had several instances with names mysteriously disappearing from my group lists for e-mail. Please immediately let me know if you don't get the Spirit.***

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